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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3463rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 21 November 1994, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Angola", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes the signing of the Protocol of Lusaka by representatives of the Government of Angola and UNITA in Lusaka on 20 November 1994. This Protocol together with the Bicesse Accords should lay the foundation for lasting peace in Angola. Having signed the Protocol, Angola's parties must continue to demonstrate their commitment to peace through the full and timely implementation of this detailed peace agreement. Most importantly, the cease-fire required by the Protocol must be respected.

"The Security Council acknowledges the tireless efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative, Mr. Alioune Blondin Beye, which have been so vital in reaching this agreement. The Security Council also commends the role of the observer countries to the Angolan peace process and the constructive interventions by leaders throughout Africa. Finally, the Security Council thanks President Frederick Chiluba and the Government of Zambia, which graciously hosted these negotiations.

"The Security Council notes with concern the reports that the fighting in Angola is continuing. The Council reminds the parties of the responsibility they bear to respect fully the cease-fire agreement which is to go into effect on 22 November 1994. The Security Council looks forward to a report from the Secretary-General that the cease-fire has become effective, thereby allowing the deployment of UNAVEM II military and police observers to reinforce United Nations monitoring capabilities in Angola.

"The Security Council remains seized of this matter."

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